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| In re: | Patent Application of Philippe Moussou, <i>et al.</i> | : Group Art Unit: 1655 : : : |
| Appln. No.: | 10/501,623 | : Examiner: Qiuwen Mi : : |
| Filed: | July 15, 2004 | : Confirmation No.: 2222 : : |
| For: | PROCESSES FOR FERMENTING PLANT COMPONENTS, COSMETIC AND/OR PHARMACEUTICAL ACTIVE COMPONENTS PREPARED THEREBY, AND METHODS OF: TREATING THE SKIN AND/OR HAIR THEREWITH (AS AMENDED) | : Attorney Docket No.: C 2319 PCT/US : : : |

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deemed necessary.

Two of the references are not in English and were not cited in any accompanying English language version of a search report by another patent office, and therefore require a concise explanation of relevancy, as it is currently understood by the Applicants, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3).

This required explanation of the references is as follows:

The "Potency, efficacy and action of new cosmetic materials" references describe the use of extracts from fermentation products of soybean (pages 239-240) and of rice (pages 289-290) for cosmetic purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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